

Attorney's Docket: 2000DE442

Serial No.: N/A

Art Unit N/A

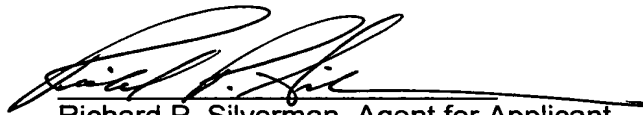
Preliminary Amendment

### REMARKS

Applicant has provided a new Abstract of the Disclosure. Applicant has amended the claims to attend to housekeeping and to place the Application in proper form for examination. Claims 1- 14 were amended to conform to US practice. Support for these amendments may be found in original claims 1-14. Support for new claim 15 can be found in original claim 9. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard P. Silverman, Agent for Applicant  
Registration No. 36,277

**(CUSTOMER NUMBER 25,255)**  
CLARIANT CORPORATION  
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT  
4000 Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28205  
Phone (704) 331-7156  
Fax (704) 331-7707